



21st Century Scholars Requirements by Grade Level 2015-2016 Academic Year

Current Grade Level Graduation Year	Scholar Success Program	High School Cumulative GPA	Core 40 Diploma	Annual FAFSA Filing	Financial Means Testing	College Enrollment	Guaranteed Full Tuition	Scholarship Expiration
Enrolled as a Scholar <u>BEFORE</u> 6-30-11								
12 (Class of 2016)	Recommended	2.5	Recommended	Yes	No	Within 1 Year	Yes	8 years
11 (Class of 2017)	Required	2.5	Required	Yes	No	Within 1 Year	Yes	8 years
Enrolled as a Scholar <u>AFTER</u> 6-30-11								
12 (Class of 2016)	Recommended	2.5	Recommended	Yes	Yes	Within 1 Year	No	8 years
11 (Class of 2017)	Required	2.5	Required	Yes	Yes	Within 1 Year	No	8 years
10 (Class of 2018)	Required	2.5	Required	Yes	Yes	Within 1 Year	No	8 years
9 (Class of 2019)	Required	2.5	Required	Yes	Yes	Within 1 Year	No	8 years
8 (Class of 2020)	Required	2.5	Required	Yes	Yes	Within 1 Year	No	8 years
7 (Class of 2021)	Required	2.5	Required	Yes	Yes	Within 1 Year	No	8 years

Scholar Success Program: Beginning with the Class of 2017, the Scholar Success Program is designed to guide students every step of the way with practical activities at each grade level. The Scholar Success Program ensures students understand and complete specific steps that keep them on track to graduate from high school and complete college.

High School Cumulative GPA: Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) required upon graduating from high school to be eligible for 21st Century Scholarship.

Core 40 Diploma: Starting with the Class of 2017, 21st Century Scholars must graduate from high school with a Core 40 diploma. Scholars are highly encouraged to pursue a Core 40 diploma with Academic Honors or Technical Honors to increase students' level of academic preparation and to ensure the widest range of options after graduation.

Annual FAFSA Filing: 21st Century Scholars must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on an annual basis beginning with their senior year of high school, even during years they are not enrolled in a postsecondary institution.

Financial Means Testing: If "Yes," the Scholar's Expected Family Contribution (EFC) will be evaluated annually based on information provided on the student's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Scholars who do not demonstrate financial need will receive a one-time award of up to \$2,500 if the student has not previously received the 21st Century Scholarship.

College Enrollment: Scholars must enroll as a full-time student at an eligible Indiana higher education institution within one year of high school graduation.

Guaranteed Full Tuition: If "Yes," Scholar will receive up to four years of tuition assistance at any eligible Indiana higher education institution. If "No," the 21st Century Scholarship amount *may* be adjusted based on available state funding levels.

Scholarship Expiration: Scholarship funds must be used within eight (8) years from the time a student first activates the 21st Century Scholarship. Note that the total scholarship amount is limited to the equivalent of four years of full-time college attendance.